

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB404

Chairperson: Senator Curt Friesen

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: January 31, 2017

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 404 would require, for safety purposes, a crew of at least two people for any train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight. The bill would provide for necessary redundancy on trains to prevent accidents by implementing two member crews. In cases of emergency or mechanical issues another crew member should be required in order to prevent accidents one rail when on member of the crew may be impaired or unable to detect issues which may lead to accidents.

The bill calls for a fine or not less than one hundred dollars for the first offense. It calls for not less than two hundred fifty dollars for a second offense committed within three years. It also calls for a third offense penalty of not less than \$500 for a third offense or more within three years.

The bill also gives oversight of this requirement to the Public Service Commission and that all fines should go to the State Treasurer for distribution to the counties for use to the schools as is provided in the State Constitution.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Groene